

WHAT HEALTH CARE REFORM MEANS FOR CALIFORNIA'S 18TH DISTRICT

The new health care reform legislation will make health care more affordable for the middle class, provide greater security and coverage for seniors, and guarantee access to health insurance for the uninsured – while reducing the federal deficit by over \$143 billion over the next decade. This analysis examines the benefits of the legislation in the 18th Congressional District of California:

In Representative Cardoza's district, the health care reform bill will:

- Improve coverage for **326,000** residents with health insurance.
- Give tax credits and other assistance to up to **161,000** families and **10,100** small businesses to help them afford coverage.
- Improve Medicare for **78,000** beneficiaries, including closing the donut hole.
- Extend coverage to **101,000** uninsured residents.
- Guarantee that **17,300** residents with pre-existing conditions can obtain coverage.
- Protect **1,700** families from bankruptcy due to unaffordable health care costs.
- Allow **67,000** young adults to obtain coverage on their parents' insurance plans.
- Provide millions of dollars in new funding for **56** community health centers.
- Reduce the cost of uncompensated care for hospitals and other health care providers by **\$92 million** annually.

Source: This analysis is based upon the following sources: the U.S. Census (data on insurance rates, small businesses, and young adult population); the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (data on Medicare and Part D enrollment); the Department of Health and Human Services (data on health care-related bankruptcies, uncompensated care, and pre-existing conditions); the Health Resources and Services Administration (data on community health centers); and the Congressional Budget Office (estimates of the percentage of citizens with health insurance coverage under health care reform legislation).